

## **REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The Amendment places the application in condition for allowances and is, therefore, appropriate under Rule 116.

The Amendment was not earlier presented because applicant became familiar with new grounds for rejection only after they were first set forth in the final Office Action.

Based on the foregoing amendments, claims 9-13 are canceled, claims 14-17 are added, and claims 2, 5 and 7 are amended to provide for their proper dependency.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Claims 14, 16 and 17 correspond in scope to claims 9, 11 and 12 which, together with claim 10, were indicated as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 14, 16 and 17, which are claims 9, 11 and 12 so rewritten, and claim 15,

which corresponds to claim 10 and is dependent on claim 14, are in condition for allowance.

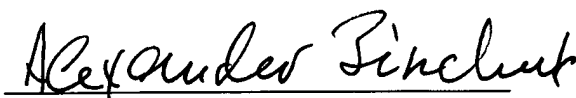
It is further respectfully submitted that claims 2-8 which depend now on claim 14, directly or indirectly, are also in condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable subject matter.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction to be carried out by Examiner's amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

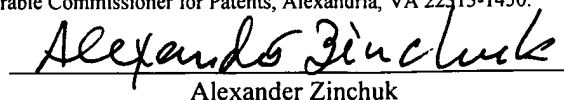
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